

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 405

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Atticus Wright on being named Governor of the American Legion Boys' State program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Atticus Wright of Loretto, who has succeeded to the office of Governor of the American Legion Boys' State program; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Boys' State is one of the most respected and selective programs of government instruction for high school students; by simulating the operations and conditions of local and state government, Boys' State imparts to participants a thorough understanding of the rights and privileges as well as the duties and responsibilities involved in being a franchised citizen; and

WHEREAS, participants spend a week studying government and forming mock government institutions; activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, and assemblies as well as chorus, band, and other recreational programs; and

WHEREAS, local American Legion posts select Boys' State participants each year, and the expenses associated with participation are usually paid by the post, a local business, or a local community organization; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by American Legion Post #146 in Loretto, Mr. Wright attended Boys' State in 2008, and he quickly rose to the highest office in the Senate, that of Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, after the former Boys' State Governor, Joseph Riley, assumed the Presidency of Boys' Nation, Wright became eligible to fill the vacancy since, as Lieutenant Governor, he is next in line for the Governorship; and

WHEREAS, according to Post #146 officials, Atticus Wright is the first Lawrence County resident to become Governor of Boys' State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Jeff and Kim Wright, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Atticus Wright epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and the people of this State are fortunate indeed to count him among their ranks; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Wright for his dedication to good citizenship and the precepts of sound governance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Atticus Wright on being named Governor of the American Legion Boys' State program and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.